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FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM OUR SUMMARY NO. 129 DATED JULY 8,
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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- MICRONESIA

THE TC JULY 8 CONCLUDED GENERAL EXAMINATION OF CONDITIONS IN
MICRONESIA, HEARING STATEMENTS BY AMB SHERER, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER
COLEMAN, AND SPECIAL ADVISERS SETIK AND NAKAYAMA OF THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA. GARRIGUE-GUYONNAUD (FRANCE) INTRODUCED TWO RESOLUTIONS:
T/L. 1203, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPORT OF THE VISITING MISSION TO
MICRONESIA IN MARCH/APRIL THIS YEAR. THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF STATE-
MENTS MADE CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS ON COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE
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ON
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ON THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO
COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IT WAS DECIDED TO DRAW
ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDA-

TIONS AND STATEMENTS BY TC MEMBERS ON ITEMS RELATING TO ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE AND ON COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED RECEIPT OF MARIANAS RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF TWO SENATORS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TC WITH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, AND HE NOTED THEY HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT. MURRAY (UK) ASKED IF THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL MARIANAS REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, AND AMB SHERER EXPLAINED THAT THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER HAD BEEN EXPECTED BUT HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM ATTENDING BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

IN DISCUSSION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, SHERER REAFFIRMED USG'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO IT IN ANY FORM, AND STATED THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM REMAINED UNCHANGED AND THE U.S. COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN OR SUPPORT OBSERVANCE OF THE DECADE. KOVALENKO (USSR) FELT THE TC SHOULD COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SAID THAT THE U.S. REPORTS DID NOT CONTAIN ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DECADE AND THAT THE SITUATION SHOULD BE REMEDIED. FRENCH AND BRITISH DELS SUPPORTED THE DECADE AS DEFINED IN GA RESOLUTION 3057(XXVIII) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART. 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

IN DISCUSSING ITEM ON COOPERATION WITH COMMITTEE OF 24, SHERER REFERRED TO CHARTER ART. 83 ON STRATEGIC AREAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE SC, AND STATED THAT SINCE NO TERRITORY REMAINED UNDER TC'S CARE EXCEPT MICRONESIA, A STRATEGIC AREA, THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION WITH A GA COMMITTEE DID NOT ARISE. KOVALENKO REFERRED TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF ART. 83, WHICH STATES THAT THE BASIC OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF EACH STRATEGIC AREA, AND HE FELT THAT THE VARIOUS TC RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE REPORTED ON, AS PREVIOUSLY. THE FRENCH AND BRITISH BOTH STATED THAT THE COMPETENCE IN QUESTION WAS THAT OF THE SC, AND THE LATTER SUGGESTED THAT THE TC REPORT COULD INDICATE THAT THE OBJECTIVES WERE BEING DISCHARGED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. PRESIDENT SCALABRE (FRANCE) SAID THAT THREE OUT OF FOUR TC MEMBERS FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT REPORT TO THE GA, AND THEREFORE TO ITS COMMITTEE, AND HE ASSURED THE DISSENTING MEMBER THAT HIS RESERVATIONS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS. COMMENTING ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO SEND LETTER REPORTING ON THE TC'S PROCEEDINGS TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN, SHERER SAID THAT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE, AND THE PRESIDENT STATED HE COULD NOT SEND SUCH A LETTER WITHOUT THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

OR A VOTE. FRANCE AND THE UK THOUGHT IT WAS UP TO THE SC TO DECIDE WHETHER SUCH A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT.

SPECIAL ADVISER SETIK TOLD OF THE PREPARATION OF AN INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SAID HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE FINANCED THROUGH LOCAL RESOURCES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GRADUAL INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE, AND SAID IT WAS THE LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVE OF THE TAX PROGRAMS TO MAKE EACH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SELF-SUPPORTING IN ORDER TO BETTER UTILIZE U.S. GRANTS FOR INCOME-PRODUCING PROJECTS. DECENTRALIZATION SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED "WITH HASTE, BUT WITH DELIBERATE SPEED AS WE SEE OUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES TO WARRANT IT," HE SAID, ADDING THAT IF THE U.S. PUSHED FOR DECENTRALIZATION OUT OF "EXPEDIENCY" IT WOULD POSSIBLY BE "DISRUPTIVE" TO MICRONESIAN UNITY. HE STATED THAT DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON, NOT SAIPAN; WANTED THE SURTAX TO APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL; AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WITH CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS A CONSENSUS WOULD EMERGE THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ON THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF ITS PEOPLE.

SPECIAL ADVISER NAKAYAMA STATED THAT THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WAS INCOMPLETE IN THAT IT LACKED PROVISION ON MARITIME RIGHTS OF THE MICRONESIANS AND IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER IT CONFORMED TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CONSTITUTION WOULD PROTECT THE INTERESTS STATED BY THE PETITIONERS FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MARSHALL ISLANDS AND PALAU, AND SAID THE UK SUGGESTION FOR AMENDMENT WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT YET TIME TO RUSH IN WITH AMENDMENTS. HE CALLED FOR A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE "LONG OUTSTANDING ISSUE" OF WAR CLAIMS, AND SAID "JUSTICE AND EQUITY DEMAND" THAT MICRONESIANS BE FULLY COMPENSATED, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE MICRONESIAN CONGRESS BILL TO CREATE A WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION TO PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAD BEEN VETOED. PARTIAL PAYMENT OF 16 PERCENT WITH A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND THE SHORT-FALL OF FUNDS WAS "ADDING INSULT TO INJURY," HE SAID. THE ISSUE HAD BEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF HAVING THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY REPRESENT MICRONESIAN INTERESTS IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE ASKED THAT "OUR POSITION AND OUR DESIRE BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS COUNCIL TO THE SC." HE LOOKED FORWARD TO FAVORABLE TC SUPPORT FOR THE MICRONESIAN POSITION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. (USUN 2815 NOTAL)

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER COLEMAN SAID THAT A DECISION ON FUNDING OF CLEAN-UP OF ENEWETOK WAS EXPECTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS; REPORTED ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO EBEYE; EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ON PAYMENT OF WAR CLAIMS; GAVE

ASSURANCES THAT THE VETO WOULD BE RESORTED TO ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY; AND DESCRIBED THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECTS TO AID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

AMB SHERER REPORTED ON IMPORTANT STEPS TAKEN TOWARD FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE POST-TRUSTEESHIP POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MICRONESIANS. HE NOTED THAT THE PLEBISCITE IN NORTHERN MARIANAS WAS FOUND BY THE TC VISITING MISSION TO BE FREE, AND THEREFORE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE COULD REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS NEITHER "FULLY JUST" NOR AN "ACT OF THE FREE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE." HE DENIED THE "SHOCKING CHARGES" OF ONE OF THE PETITIONERS CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF APARTHEID AT KWAJALIEN AND THAT AMERICAN MEDICAL DOCTORS HAD NOT AIDED PEOPLE OF EBeye AT TIME OF INFLUENZA OUTBREAK.

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